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IN RE APPLICATION OF: William John Curatolo, et al.:

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Sir:

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on April 19, 2000, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on July 19, 2000, be extended by 3 month(s), such that it expires on October 19, 2000.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$890.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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